

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *October 4th 1879.*

Sir;

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate account of Frank X Cicott, for one Patent Coin Blank Reducing Machine with the right to use the same. The original of which I have approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement payment of the amount (\$1000) to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

On my recent visit to the San Francisco Mint I witnessed the practical operations of this Machine, and was so well pleased with the rapid and satisfactory

manner with which the Blanks were adjusted by it, and became so well satisfied that the use of the same would materially reduce the Expenses of adjusting the coin Blanks, that I directed the purchase of one for the San Francisco Mint, and verbally instructed Mr Cicott, to manufacture and forward one to your Mint, the price agreed upon being \$1000 for each Machine.

I have to request that you will instruct the Coiner, to employ one of your most skillful and efficient Machinist, to set up the Machine and make the necessary connections, with the Shafting for operating the same by power. You will detail a skilled workman, who shall familiarize himself with the best method of working the

Machine when he can be spared
from other work.

Should any trouble be experienced
in working the Machine, you will write
to Mr Cicott explaining fully the difficulties,
that he may furnish you with such
additional information, as will overcome
the same and enable the workman, to
successfully operate the Machine.

I have submitted an estimate
of \$15,000 to supply a deficiency in the
appropriation for Contingent Expenses
of your Mint for the current fiscal
year

Very respectfully
Horatio Burchard

Director

A. Landon Snowden Esq
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Washington D.C.
Oct 4/79

H. C. Churchill

Enclosing Copy of
Frank X. Fiecott's bk
\$1,000. for 1 pat. coin-
- blank adding
machine, with right
to use it. Will be pd
out of contingent fund.
Instructions to set
up & use the machine.
Has submitted a
deficiency estimate of
\$15,000 for contingent
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[Abstract:] Enclosing copy of Frank X. Cicott's bill... 771

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I have submitted an estimate of \$15000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia